

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 2015*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan. October 10 marks 104 years since the beginning of the Wuchang uprising and the eventual establishment of the Republic of China on January 1st, 1912.

The United States is fortunate to have Taiwan as a trusted ally, and our countries' mutual interests and shared democratic values continue to strengthen our relationship. The success of Taiwan's democratic society is a testament to the benefits of free enterprise in a strong civil society.

It is important that Taiwan have opportunities to contribute to the global community by gaining observer status in organizations, such as the United Nations and the International Criminal Police Organization. Allowing Taiwan access to these groups' resources will improve international cooperation and help combat international criminal enterprises.

My best wishes to the Taiwanese people as they mark National Day and celebrate their vibrant democracy.

**MR. GEORGE AIGEN**

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 2015*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. George Aigen today for his ninetieth birthday. As a veteran of World War II, he has been a leader in his community, and revered for his service and sacrifice to our great nation.

Seventy one years ago, Mr. Aigen was drafted into the Army as a corporal in the 1269th Engineer Combat Battalion. At the age of nineteen, he had experienced much fighting and witnessed horrible atrocities while serving in Europe. In 1945, as the war drew to a close, Mr. Aigen was among the first soldiers to liberate the prisoners of Dachau, one of the oldest Nazi concentration camps.

In his community, Mr. Aigen has spoken to schools, universities, and countless organizations about the horrors committed by the Nazis and the importance of military service. His dedication to our country has been commemorated across Georgia from the Valdosta community to the state capitol. Mr. Aigen's story has been archived at the Library of Congress and televised by Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Through his actions, service, and community involvement, Mr. Aigen has demonstrated that he is a leader, a mentor, and a hero. I am

humbled to honor him and his legacy as our nation's servicemen and servicewomen secure our freedoms for future generations.

### COMMEMORATING DOUBLE TEN DAY, TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise the House that this Saturday, October 10, is Double Ten Day, Taiwan's national day.

I urge all Members to join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on this momentous occasion.

Our great friend in Asia, Taiwan, will be celebrating its 104th anniversary on October 10. Also known as Double Ten Day since it falls on the 10th day of the 10th month, this is Taiwan's National Day and is revered and celebrated in the same fashion as we do the Fourth of July here in America.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan today is a multi-party democracy with a strong economy that is working to ease tensions with Mainland China, while preserving both its political existence and its vibrant national life.

This Double Ten Day marks the 102nd anniversary of China's Wuchang Uprising, a significant development in the Xinhai Revolution.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan and my home city of Houston have shared a special bond since 1961 with the establishment of the sister-city relationship between Houston and Taipei.

For more than 50 years, economic, cultural, and educational exchanges between these sister cities, and between the United States and Taiwan have flourished, aided significantly by the ease of travel resulting from commencement in June 2015 of direct flights between Houston and Taipei on EVA Airway, a Taiwanese airline company.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has been a great friend and partner of the United States, and I have no doubt that this important relationship will continue to be a source of strength to our peoples as this new century continues to unfold.

I congratulate the people of Taiwan as they commemorate Double Ten Day.

### RECOGNIZING CHARLES F. SANCHEZ

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 2015*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles F. Sanchez, a devoted husband, father and distinguished World War II Veteran.

Charles was born on November 11, 1918 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a graduate of Albuquerque High School and briefly attended the University of New Mexico. He married the love of his life, Mary F. Lucero, becoming proud parents of six children: Bernie S. Sanchez, Charles E. Sanchez, Sylvia L. Sanchez Wortzman, Paul A. Sanchez, Elaine M. Sanchez Fordice and David G. Sanchez.

Corporal Charles F. Sanchez served in the United States Army's 200th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment. In August 1941, he left Albuquerque to serve his country at Clark Air Base, located in the Philippines. Shortly after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Clark Air Base was attacked.

Charles' Regiment, led by General Edward P. King, fought bravely against the Japanese assaults in the Bataan Peninsula. However, after several months of fighting and with low supplies, General King surrendered and Charles became one of the tens of thousands of prisoners who endured the infamous Bataan Death March to Camp O'Donnell.

Prisoners endured physical abuse, received little food or water, and many were executed along the way. Thousands of Filipino and American prisoners died before they reached Camp O'Donnell in what would become known as one of the most heinous Japanese war crimes. Charles and his first cousin, Herman Tafoya—whom Charles assisted along the way, survived against all odds and completed the 60 mile ordeal.

As a prisoner of war, the Japanese forced Charles and his work group to transport ammunition inland into churches where the Japanese thought that it would be safe from U.S. attacks. After that, he was sent to Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp where he was required to move and bury bodies. In September 1945, Charles and a friend, Manuel Archuleta from Blanco, New Mexico, were placed on a freight ship to Japan. Conditions were so poor that there was no room to sit or lie down and Charles and Manuel tied themselves together with their belts to keep from falling.

After the Japanese surrendered on August 15, 1945—approximately 4 years since he was first deployed to the Philippines—Charles was freed and taken back to the United States. Later that year, Charles finally returned to his home state of New Mexico where he was reunited with his loving family.

Charles F. Sanchez will always be known by his friends and family for the sacrifices he bravely made for his country. It is my sincere honor to preserve his story in the Congressional Record, so everyone may remember and take pride in the life of one of New Mexico's greatest sons.

**JACKIE COLLINS: TRAILBLAZER**

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 2015*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Jackie Collins said she had lived life like Frank Sinatra.

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